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27 Dec 1948 USSR (Baltic) DATE DISTR. 25X1A9a SUBJECT NO. OF PAGES Leningrad Area: War Rumors, Military Installations. Coast Defenses. Security Troops. Airfields, 25X1A6a Restricted Areas NO. OF ENCLS. PLACE **ACQUIRED** 25X1A2g 25X1X6 SUPPLEME DATE OF REPORT NO

1. The population of Leningrad is so disquieted by rumors of war that, at great risk, individuals try to enter into conversation as often as possible with foreign sailors in order to learn the truth. Persons who listen to foreign broadcasts say that the situation is strained but that war is still a long way off. However, some individuals are beginning to hoard food. The introduction of controls, the reinforcement of fire-fighting apparatus in all large factories, and an order issued concerning the restoration of volunteer anti-aircraft defense at factories and important institutions are regarded as indications of the seriousness of the situation. There are also serious rumors about the arrival in Leningrad of important anti-aircraft formations and balloons, but source himself has not seen such units or equipment.

#### Military Information

- 2. The Leningrad garrison has recently been reinforced. Many new wellequipped units have arrived from the central provinces of Russia. All
  barracks are occupied, and many units are quartered in the suburbs.

  Part of the forces in reported to be intended for the occupation of Finland, and the headquarters of the Military District has already issued
  special Finno-Russian and Russo-Swedish conversation books.
- 3. The 12th Tank Division, which is also a training division, has long been stationed in Leningrad. Attached to the division is a school for junior efficients, who are granted the rank of junior lieutenant upon graduation. At present there are 50 to 60 pupils.
- h. Recently, the 35th Anti-tank Artillery Regiment arrived. The headquarters of two other similar regiments have long been stationed in Leningrad.
- 5. Leningrad Military District Staff

00: 25X1A6a Guards Colonel General Dmitri Nikolaiyevich Gusev.

Comment: Col. Gen. Gusev's first names have previously been reported alternately as Nikolai Ivanovich and D. N.)

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CENTRAL INTERPERIUE AGENCY

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Deputies: Lieut. Generals I. Verevkin and K. Astapov.

Chief of 3rd Dept. (Cadres): Major General Timofev.

m # 4th " (Military Communications): Major General Lunkov.

Chief of Intelligence: It. Col. Filimonov, a young officer who recently took a course at the Military Juridical Academy.

# 6. Training Establishments in Leminered

- a. Military Political Academy.
- b. Military Communications Academy.
- c. Frunze Higher Naval Academy. Possesses training ship "Neman" (Capt. 2nd class Nikiforov), which is always stationed on the Neva River.
- d. Deershinsky Maval Engineering Academy, with a shipbuilding faculty.
- e. Haval Faculty of State Conservatory.
- f. Schools: . Three infantry, (

Three infantry, one artillery, one marine (Makhimovski), one signal, two tank, one military communications, one MGB, one coast artillery.

### 7. Coast and AA Defenses

- a. OG of coast defenses: General Bolshakov.
- b. As far as source knows, the coast AA defenses consist of a system of concentrated nests surrounding Leningrad, including the following:

Lomonosov (Oranienbeum)	(W 28 kms)
Novy Petergof	(W 20 kms)
Znamenica.	(W 15 kms)
Ropsha	(SW 28 kms)
Vysotskoe	(SW 25 kms)
Dudergof	(SSW 25 kms)
Volodarsky	(WSW 15 kms)
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Slavyanka II	
Pulkovo	
Dibuny	(N 24 kms)
Kolomyagi	(N 9 kms)
Lenskaya	• •
Lekhta	(WHW 8 kms)
Lesi Nos	(NW 17 kms)
Sestroretak	(NW 26 kms)
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Comment: Data in parentheses indicate direction and approximate air distance from Leningrad.)

- 25X1X c. "knot" at Sestroretsk consists of eight guns and several M2 nests. Two of the guns are 37 mm; the rest are of smaller caliber (probably 20 mm); the M3s are of medium caliber. It. Colonel Ustimov is in command.
  - d. In August, all the Leningrad coast defense fortifications were inspected by a special commission, headed by Tice-Admiral Vladimirski and including several generals, one of whom was CO of the Riga coast defense sector. The latter arrived from Riga in the destroyer "Molotov". This destroyer and the minesweeper "Udalets", which also arrived from Riga, were moored at the Leningrad Quay at Kronstadt.

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Meretskov, GG Moscov Military District, and his deputy, General Leonov; Gol. General Grechko, GG Kiev Military District; Army General Shatilov, head of Chief Political Directorate of the Army. These visitors attended the celebrations arranged at the time of the naval maneuvers of the Baltic Fleet.

Leonov was last reported as a lieutenant general. Shatilov is believed to be still only deputy chief of the GFU MVS; see

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#### 8. MVD and MGB Troops

- a. MVD battalion, CO Colonel Korosteletski, stationed in former Pavlovski Barracks.
- b. MGB coast defense frontier regiment, CO Colonel Lazdin, headquarters at Novaya Derevnya.
- c. MGB training company at Military Political Academy.
- d. The usual MVD and NGB detachments for political and guard duties in the town and province.
- e. Identification of two MVD officers at the port of Leningrad: Captain Savelov and 1st Lieutenant Grinenko; these are ordinary officials.

## Parachute Troops and Airfields

- The Cuirassier Barracks on Krasnogvardeiskaya Ulitsa, Gatchina, have been repaired and restored since the war. A tank regiment, equipped for air operations, is stationed there.
- 10. Only the headquarters of the air infantry is in Gatchina. Units (not less than three battalions) are in a special area in which warm huts have been erected. This area is southwest of Gatchina, near the village of Izvara (59°20°N, 29°30°E) on the Volosovo Mahijuskaya railway. In Izvara itself there are parachute towers, and all through the summer large-scale maneuvers were held there. The Mahinskaya Volosovo railway (about 50 kms) is closed to passenger traffic. The line is served by units of the 3rd Railway Regiment, composed of railway soldiers.

  CO Traffic: Capt Karakulko. Station master: Sgt. Gorelov.
- 11. There is ground for believing that in this same area there is a military parachute unit of a Slavonic nationality, possibily Yugoslavs, but this is not certain. Instructors are exclusively Russian.
- 12. There is an important airfield, which is used by the air infantry, near the village of Limozha (six kms from Izvara).
- 13. There are airfields at Pulkovo (59046'N, 30020'E), Kamenka, Pushkino (see S0-19362), Shuvalovo (civil) (60003'N, 30017'E), Antropshino 25X1A6a (59038'N, 30024'E), and Novolisino.

  at least four towns named Kamenka in the vicinity of Leningrad.)
  - 14. In the town of Nikulyasy on the shore of Lake Ladoga is the large parachutist school of the Leningrad District. The headquarters of this school is at Shlisselburg. The school trains parachutists for direct action, i.e., sudden attack on centers, sabotage, blowing up of bridges. Chief attention is paid to individual training and instruction. Maneuvers for the landing of small detachments for action in the rear of the enemy are held on Lake Ladoga. At present there are over 500 pupils at this school, all members of the Komsomol. Berracks of a temporary type have been erected for them. According to rumor, in winter this school will be transferred to enother place because of a lack of winter accommodations. The complete course lasts

mine months and ends on 1 March. On completion of the course, one of the ctudents, a sailor, will be granted the rank of midshipman. Commandant of the school is Guards Colonel Sokolov, Hero of the Soviet Union. His assistant is Guards Major Gurov.

# POL Stocks: Restricted Areas

15. On a personal visit to Sestroretsk,

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there are gasoline tanks at Kronstadt and oil tankers arrive continually to form oil reserves.

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- 17. At Lomonosov (Oranienbaum) four artillery positions are located on the coast but no one is allowed on the coast and there is barbed wire at this point. The bathing beach is one kilometer west of the fortification.
- 18. It is difficult now to approach the Menshikov Palace, as guards ask reasons. The palace is occupied by a government institution, apparently scientific. Residents say that Germans work there, but they have no contact whatever with the population.
- 19. The crossing of the Finnish frontier is dangerous as it is very well guarded. In many places fox-traps with electric signals have been installed. Although Lake Ladoga is now under complete Soviet control, patrol launches keep a watch on the shores and all fishermen are listed.
- 20. Reportedly because of partisan activity in the area, the Kirovskaya Railway (to Murmansk) is strongly guarded by armored trains, which sometimes go even as far as the Swir River. The chief area of partisan activities is north of Petrozavodsk.